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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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To find your local NWS forecast office, go to www.weather.gov/srh.

Summary of the Upcoming Week



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Today

- No significant weather impacts expected.

Tuesday – Thursday

- Critical fire weather conditions in **S NM** on Tuesday expanding into **W TX** on Wednesday.
- Severe storms possible Wednesday across **W OK** and a small part of **NW TX**. Large hail and damaging winds are the primary hazards.
- Severe storms possible on Thursday across **E TX** into **AR/LA**.

Friday

- No significant weather impacts expected.

River Flooding

- Moderate flooding will continue on the Mississippi River in **E AR/E LA**. **MS River** at **Osceola, AR** will rise back into moderate flooding late this week.
 - Impacts to shipping and industrial activities on the river, with numerous flooded roadways near the river.
 - River flooding will likely continue through April along the lower Mississippi River.
- A few rivers in portions of **AR/LA** will remain in minor to moderate flood stage with minimal impacts.

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Apr 1, 2019 – Apr 5, 2019



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DAY / THREAT	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Severe Storms			W OK/NW TX	ETX AR/LA	
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding					
Winter Weather					
Fire Weather		S NM	S NM/W TX		
River Flooding	E AR/E LA	E AR/E LA	E AR/E LA	E AR/E LA	E AR/E LA

	No Weather Threats Expected
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	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

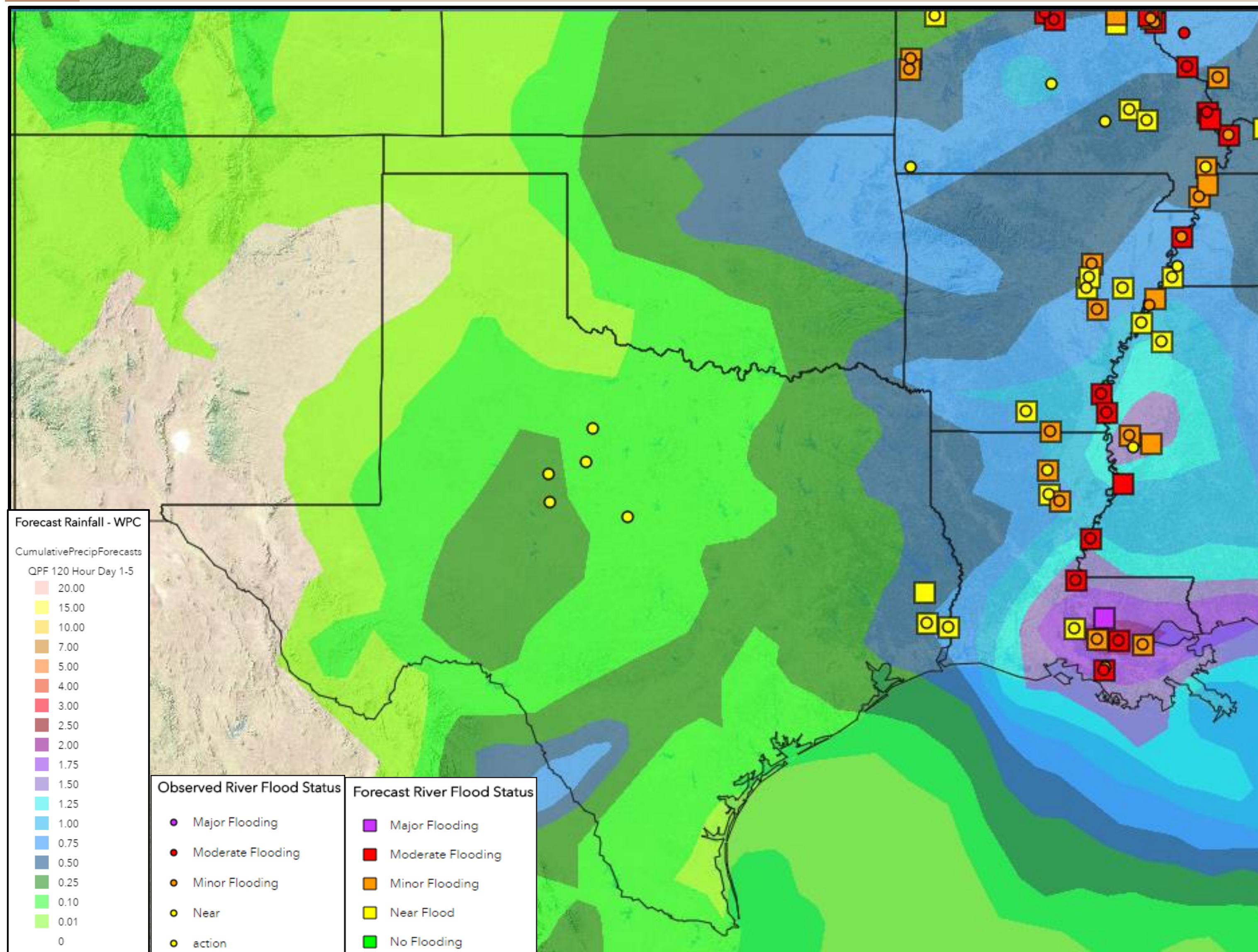
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5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall



Moderate flooding will continue on the Mississippi River in E AR/E LA. Keep in mind that current forecasts do not account for any additional rainfall beyond 24 hours or any flooding from the upstream portions of the Mississippi River.

Arkansas

- **MS River at Osceola, AR will rise back into moderate flood late this week. Flooding of county roads/fields along the river and most land inside the levee protections.**

Louisiana

- **MS River at Baton Rouge is at Major flood. Current forecasts have levels dropping into Moderate flood by early next week. Shipping and industrial activities are significantly affected.**
- **Several other points remain at moderate flood.**
- **The Bonnet Carre Spillway is operating to reduce flow and maintain just under a 17.0ft stage at New Orleans. No significant impacts are noted.**

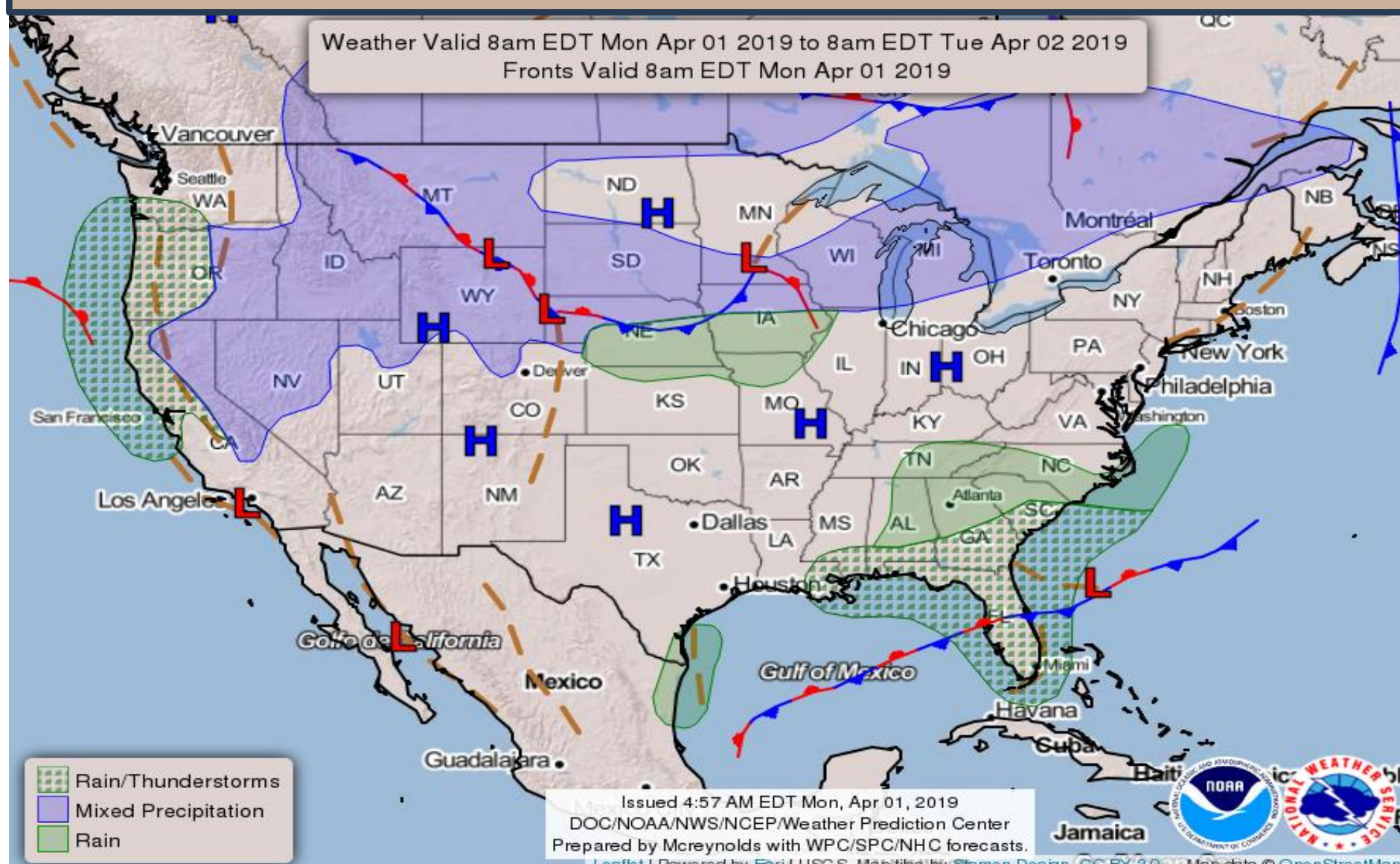
The White River (AR) and the Ouachita/Atchafalaya Rivers (LA) are in minor to moderate flood stage with minimal impacts.

Today's Weather

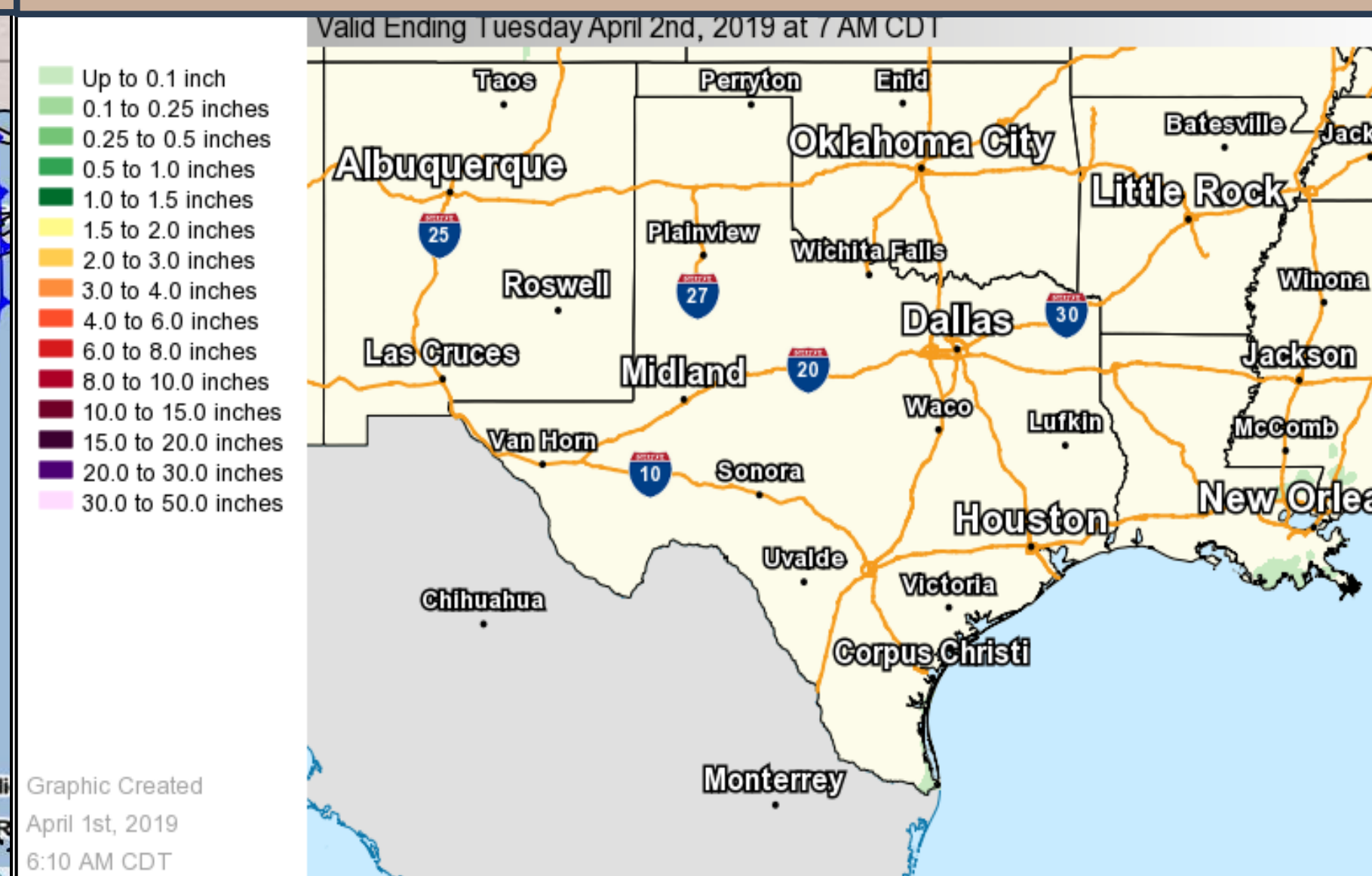


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Forecast Chart

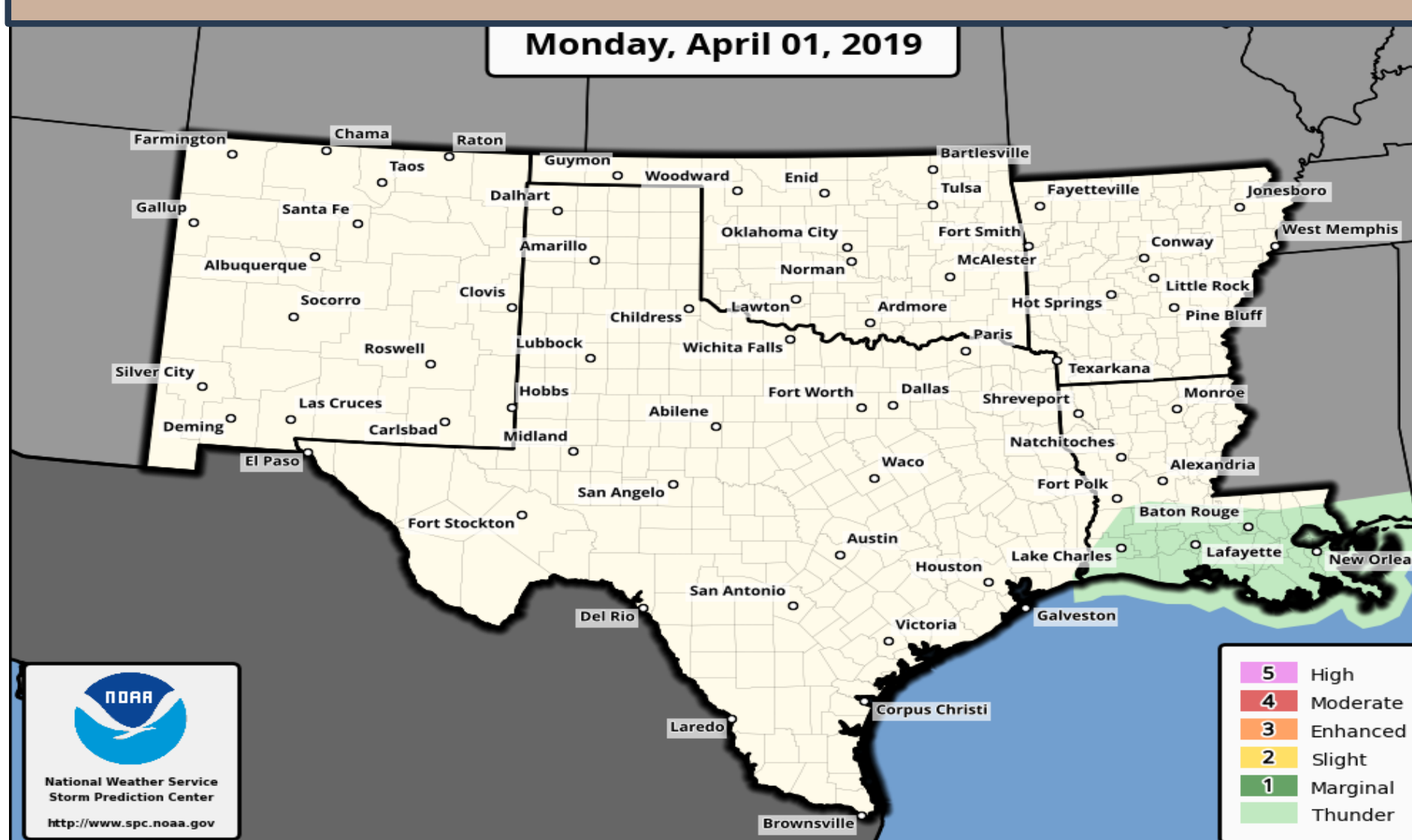


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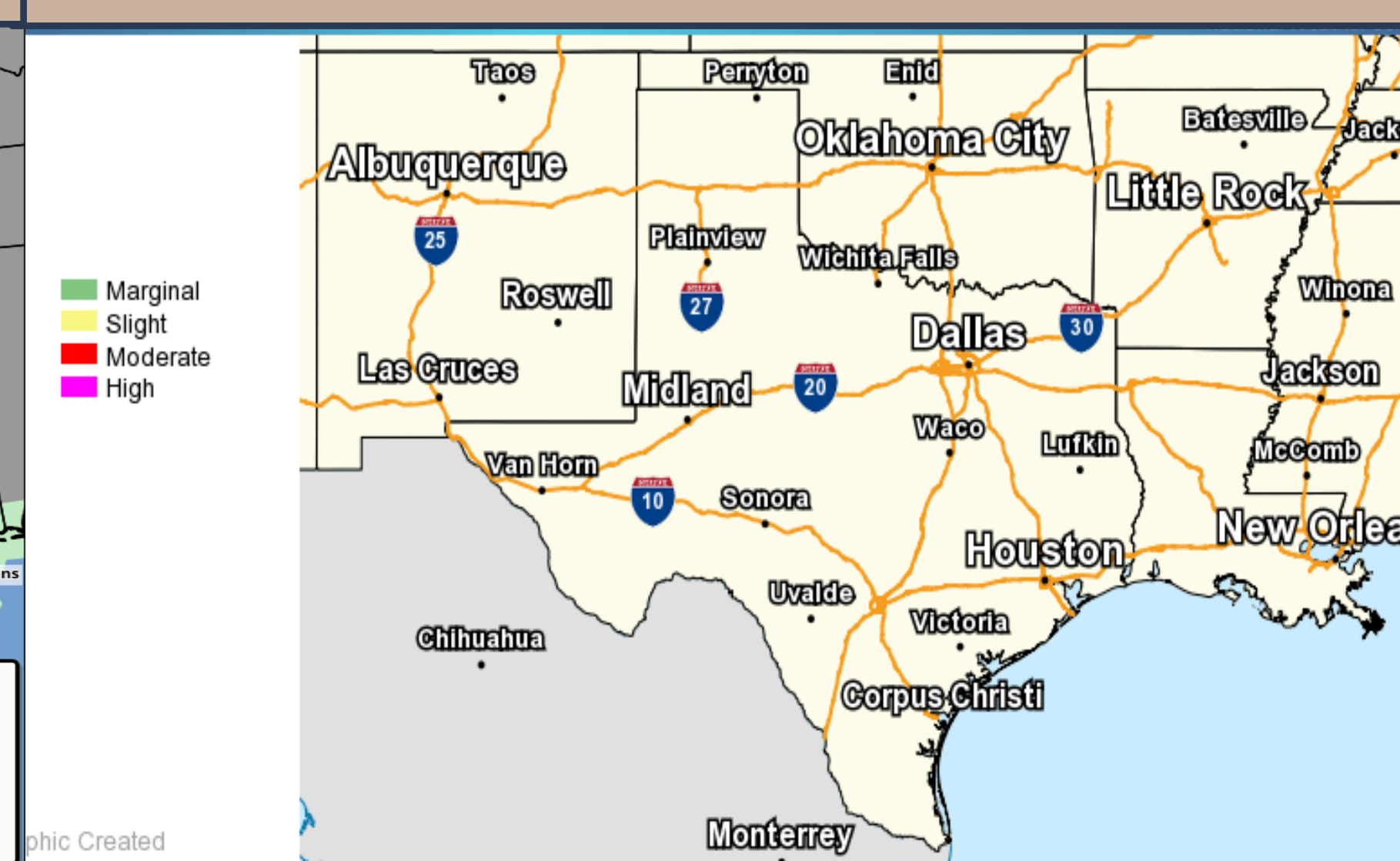


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Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Tomorrow's Weather

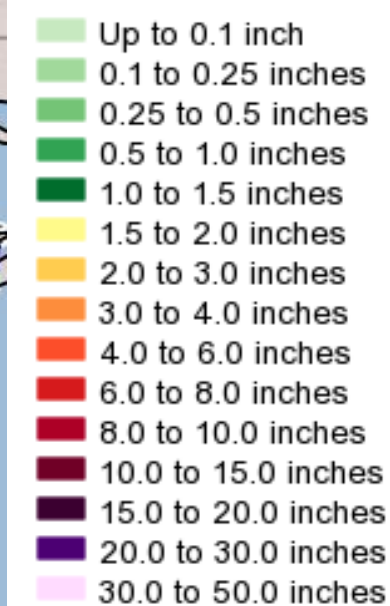
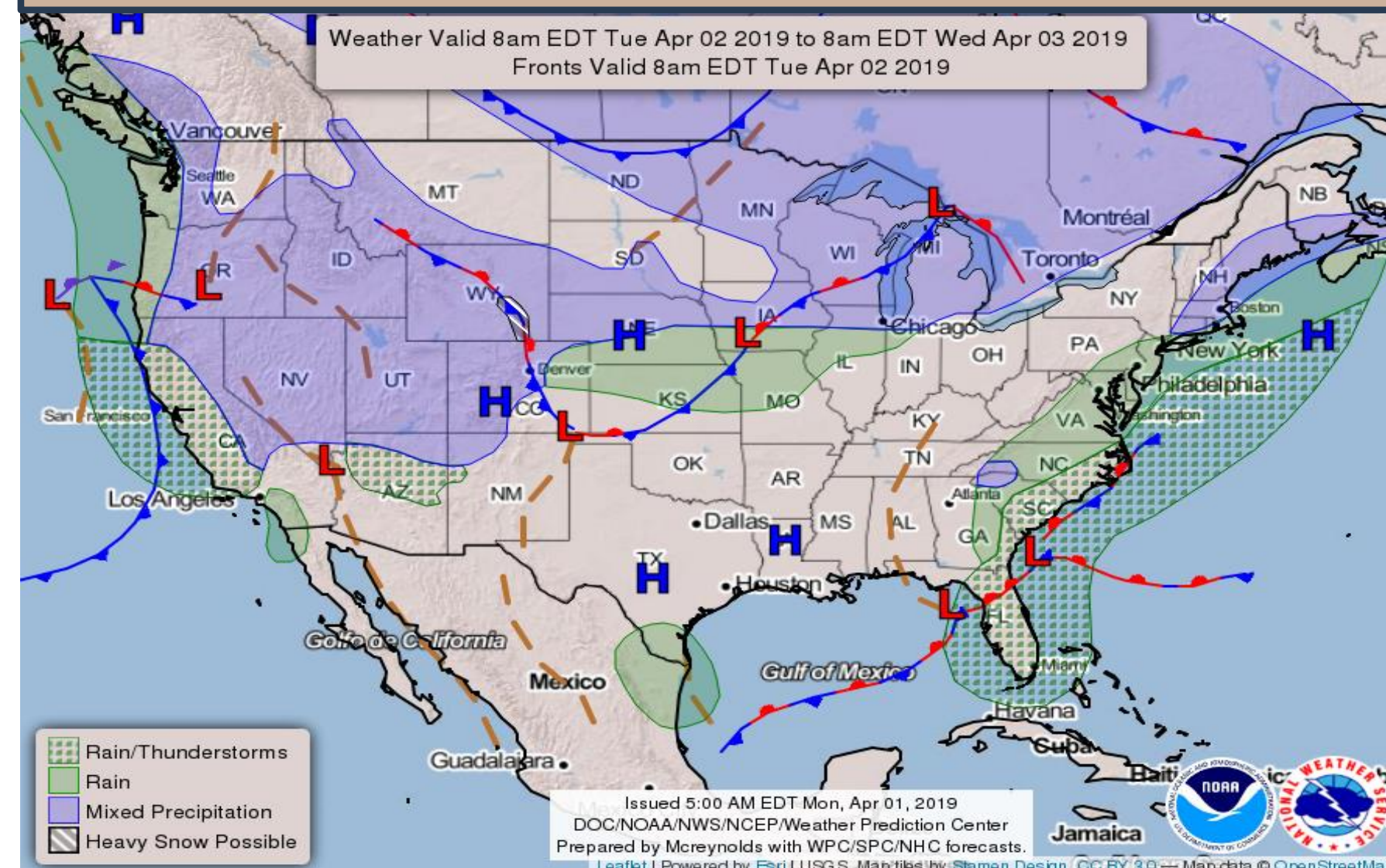


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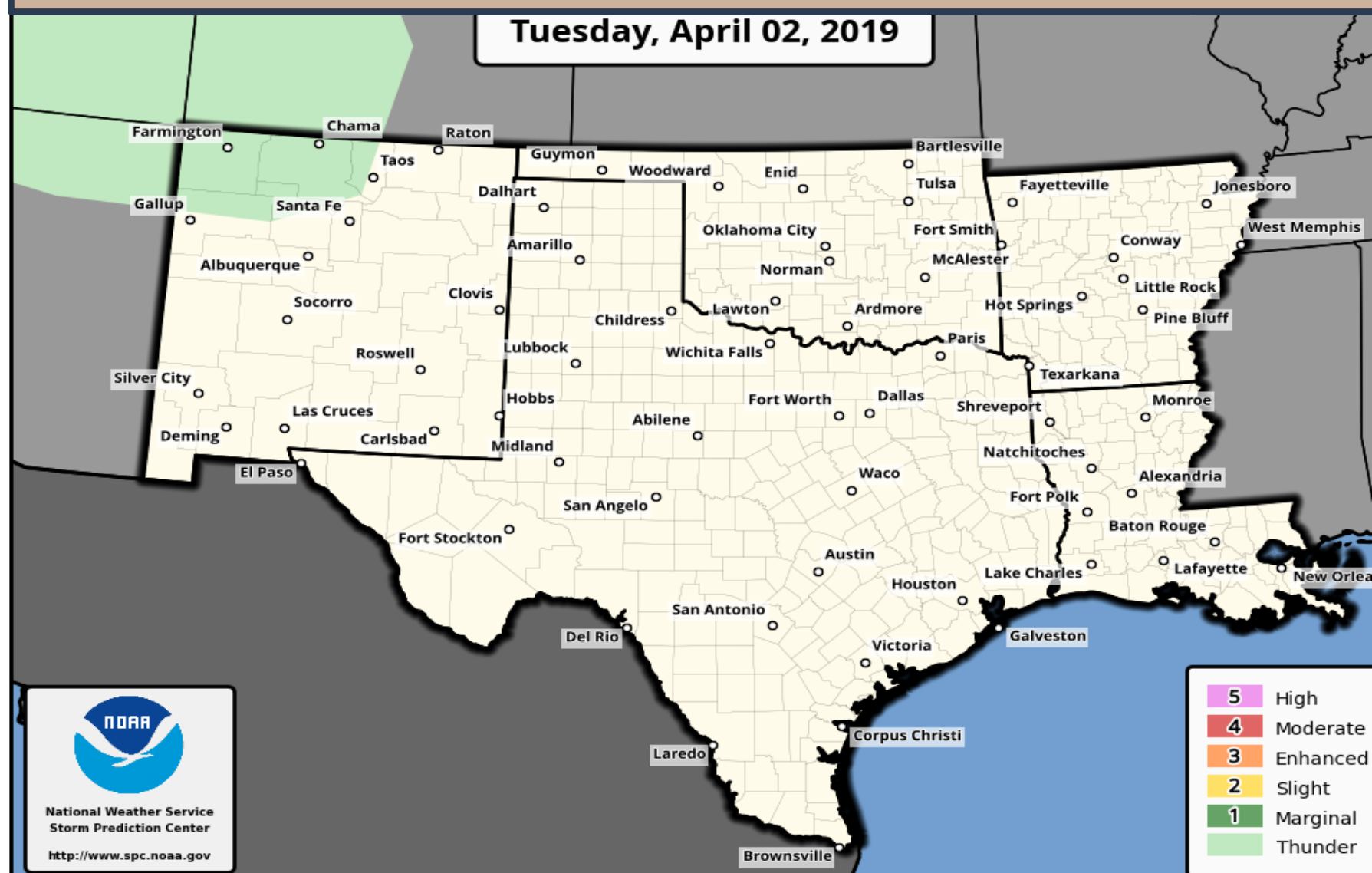
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Severe Weather Outlook

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



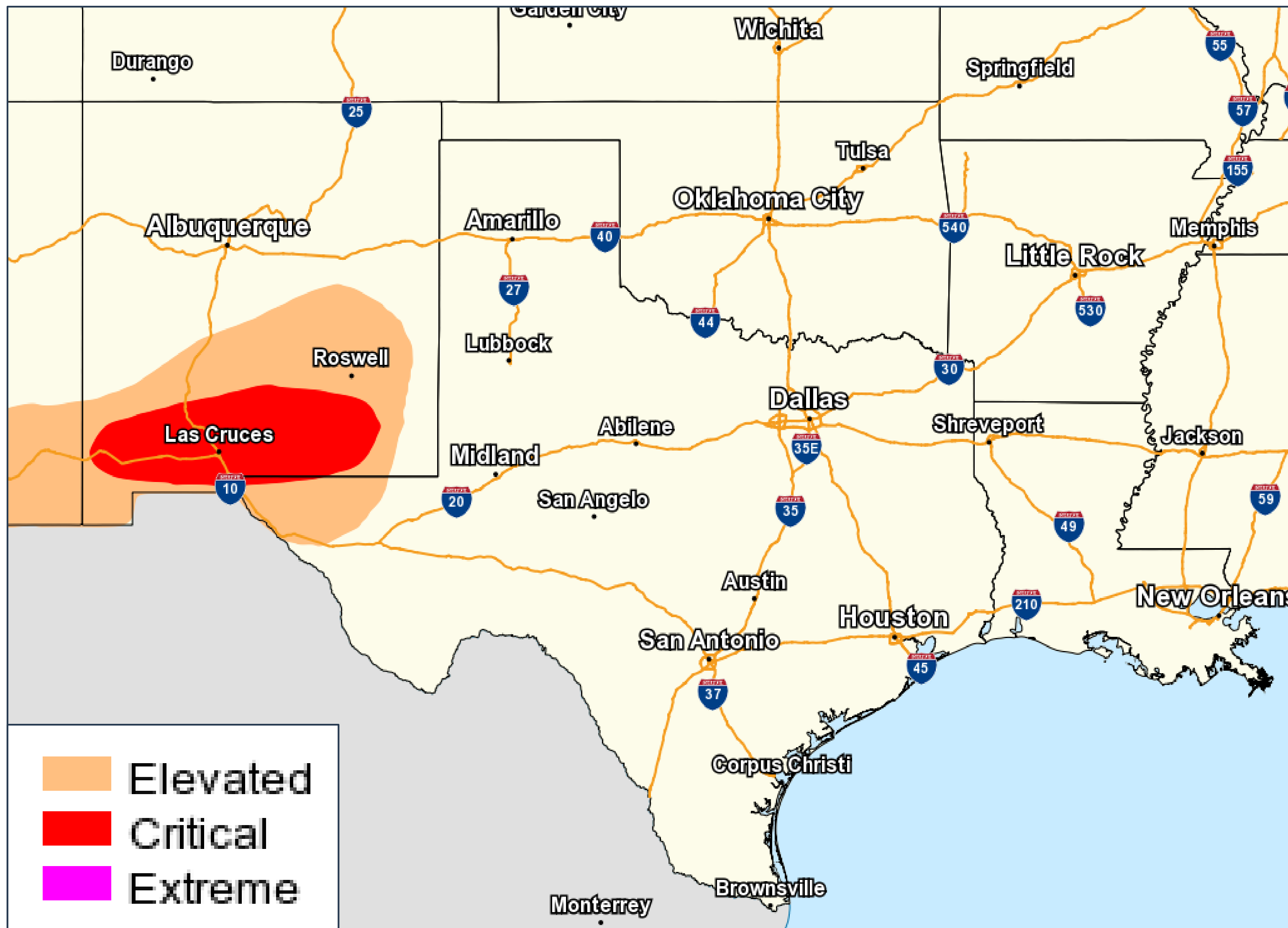
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Tomorrow's Fire Weather Outlook



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**Critical fire weather conditions
in southern NM.**

Wednesday's Weather



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Forecast Chart

Forecast Rainfall

Severe storms possible over W OK and a small part of NW TX. Large hail and damaging winds are the primary threats.

Critical fire weather conditions for southern NM into west TX.

Severe Weather Outlook

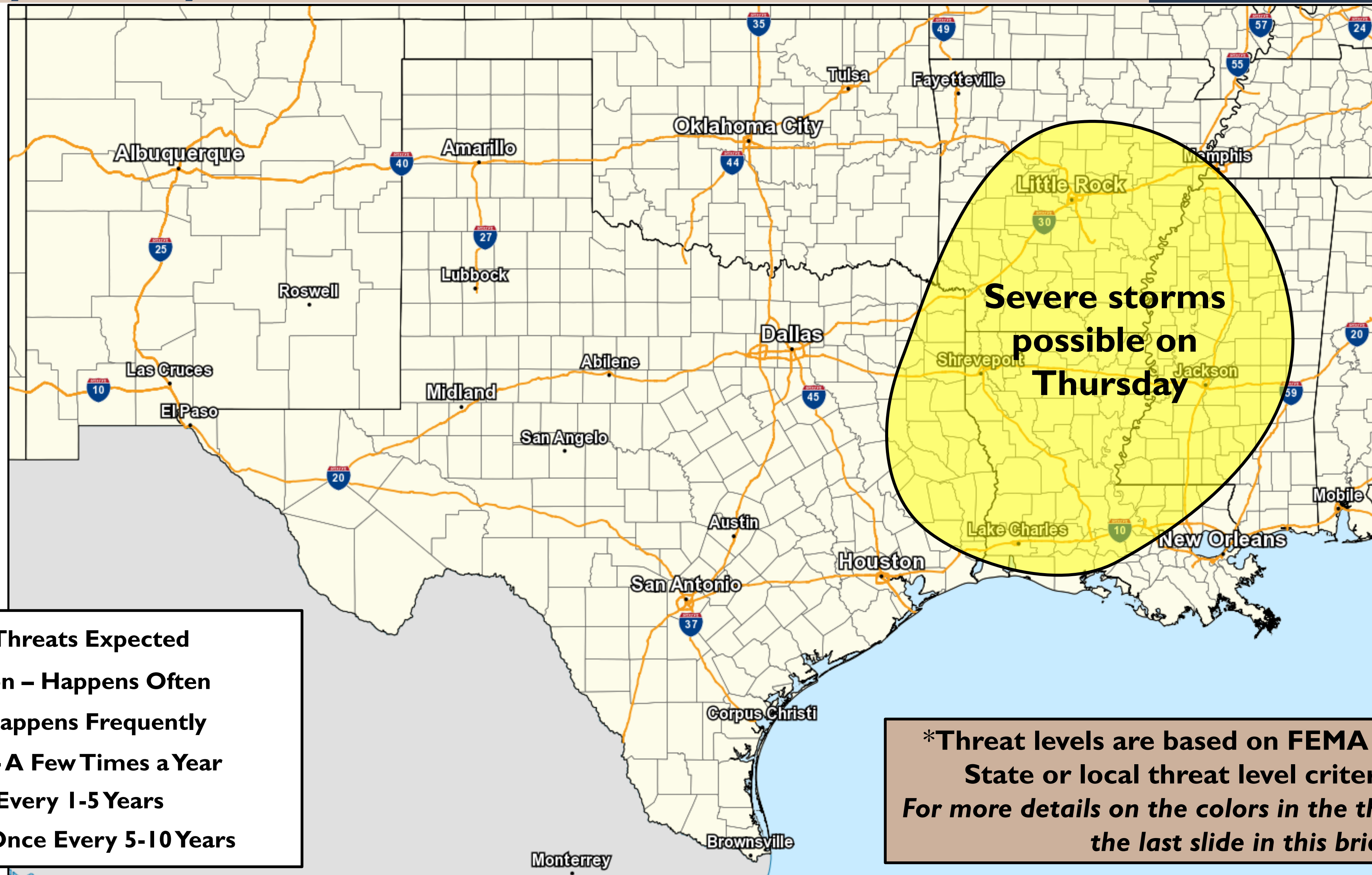
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Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Thursday – Friday



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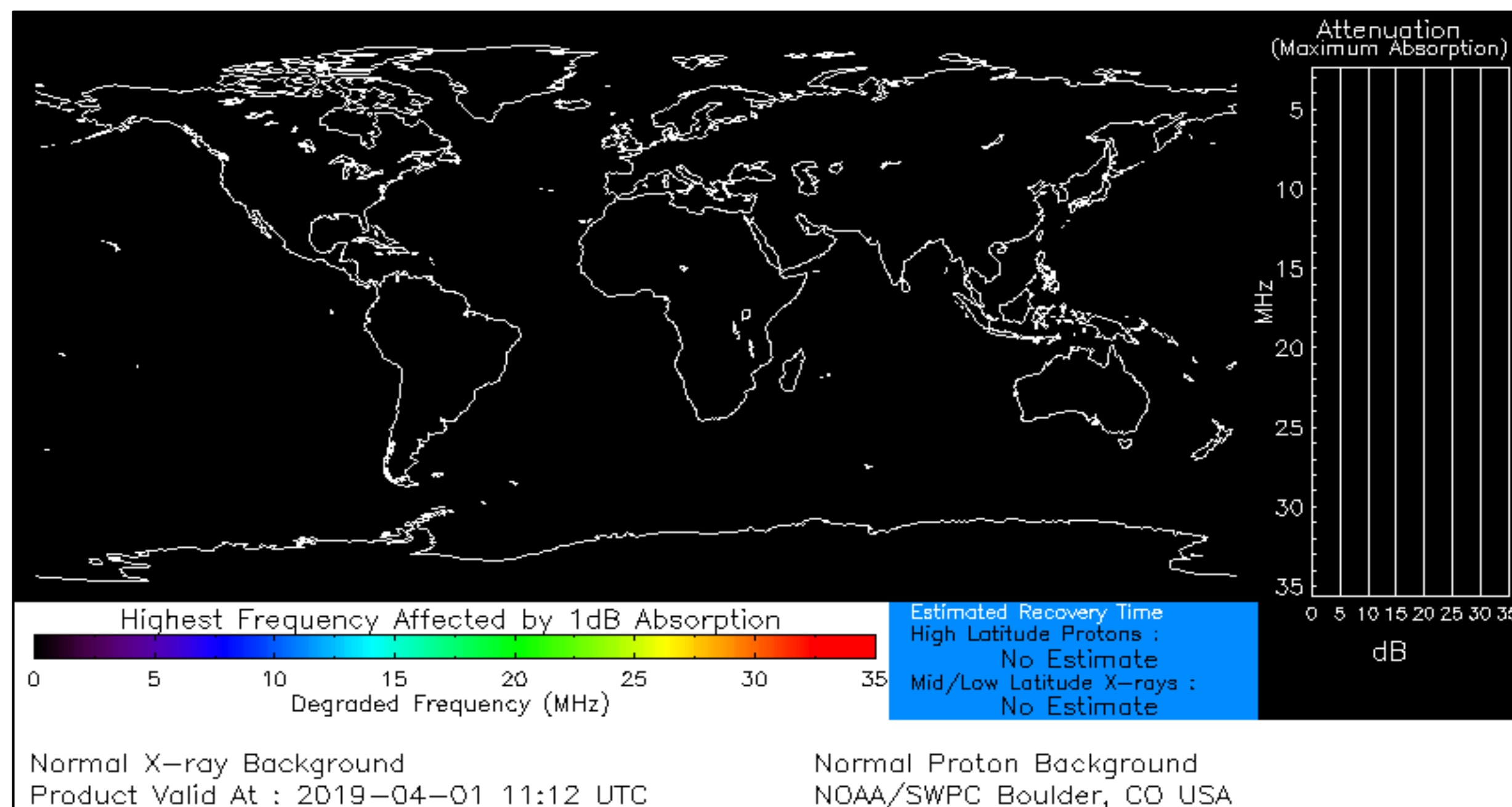
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Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



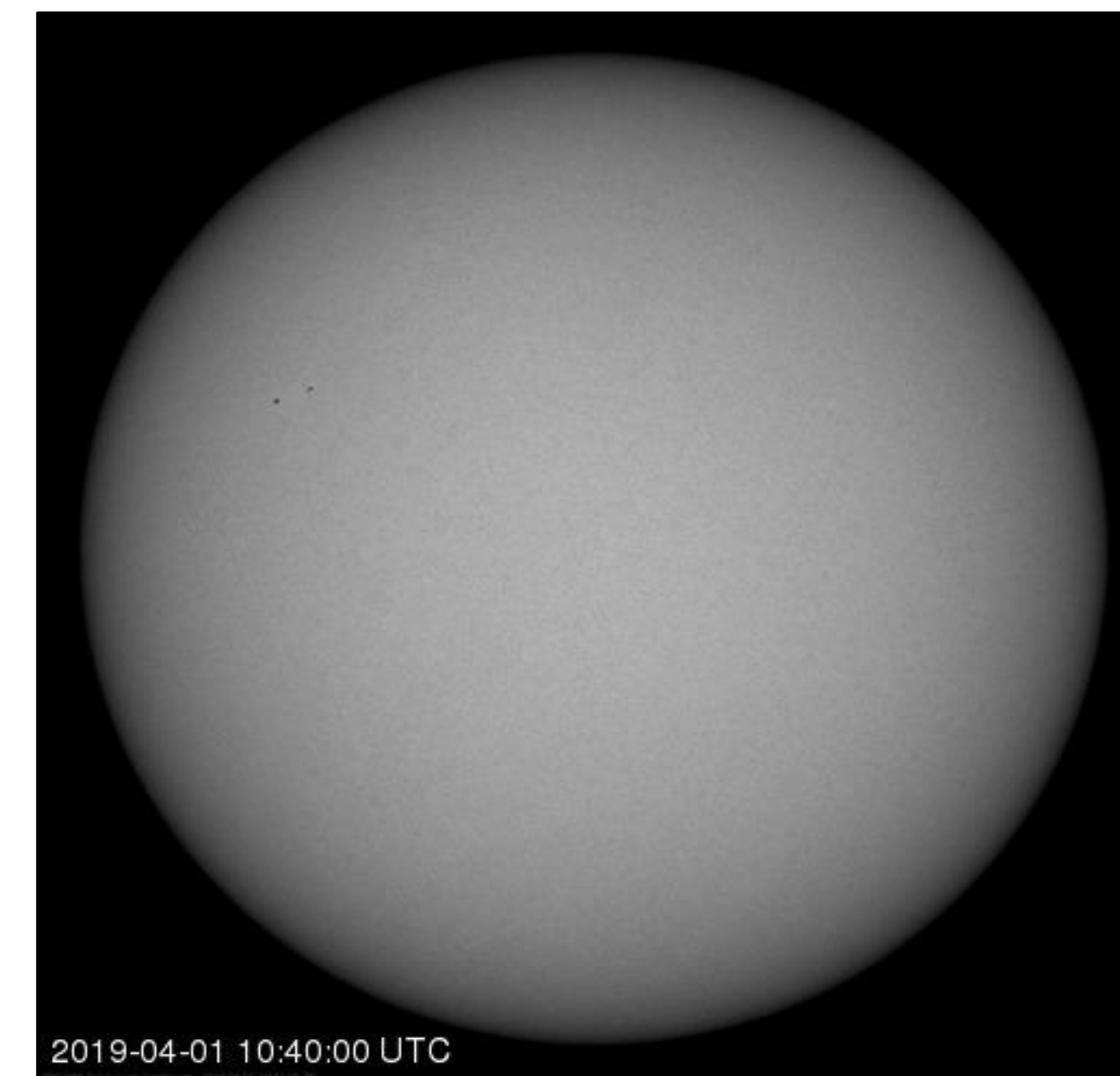
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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



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Weather “Threat” Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms

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